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SUBJ: ROMANIAN FINE ARTS EXHIBIT

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES CONTENTS REFTEL AND HAS MEETING LATER TODAY ( APRIL 16) WITH COUNCIL TO DISCUSS, AND, IT IS HOPED, CONCLUDE THIS CHAPTER OF U. S.- ROMANIAN EXCHANGE ACTIVITY. MEANWHILE, THOUGH WE PLAN SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION CONCERNING AMON CARTER EXHIBIT AS PER PARA 1 B REFTEL, ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER DETAILED POINTS RAISED IN THAT MESSAGE, BELIEVE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD BE KEPTIN MIND:

2. WE HAD NEVER ENVISIONED EXTRA- BUCHAREST SHOWINGS OF CARTER EXHIBIT AND, ON BASIS OF INFORMATION WE HAVE SO FAR RECEIVED FROM AGENCY, STRONGLY DOUBT THAT WILDER WOULD FIND PROVINCIAL POSSIBILITIES TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE. MENTION OF CARTER EXHIBIT IN CONTEXT OF COUNCIL' S NOTE VERBALE WAS INCLUDED, WE BELIEVE, SIMPLY TO ALLAY EARLIER RESERVATIONS WE HAD VENTILATED WITH ILEASA AND TO ASSURE US IN PARTICULAR THAT GOR WOULD NOT TRY TO FLOG OFF CARTER EXHIBIT' S " INTERNAL TRANSPORT" ( I. E., AIRPORT TO BUCHAREST MUSEUM AND BACK TO AIRPORT) AS " RECIPROCITY" FOR FAR MORE EXTENSIVE AND COSTLIER TRAVEL BY ROMANIAN FINE ARTS EXHIBIT IN U. S. WE DID NOT SEE THIS AS " CAVEAT"; TO THE CONTRARY, ROMANIAN WOIDING IN NOTE VERBALE SEEMED TO US MORE OF A " COME- ON".

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3. EMBASSY PREFERENCE, IN FACT, WOULD BE TO REMOVE CARTER EXHIBIT COMPLETELY FROM ISSUES CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION AND TO CONCENTRATE INSTEAD ON MAXIMUM POSSIBLE USE WE MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE OF ROMANIAN FOLLOW- UP COMMITMENT IN CONNECTION WITH SOME OTHER AMERICAN EXHIBIT PROJECT IN COURSE OF THIS YEAR OR NEXT ( ONE SPECIFICALLY PLANNED, SAY, FOR MULTIPLE-CITY ITINERARY AND SUFFICIENTLY " ART- ORIENTED" TO ENABLE COUNCIL FOOT THE BILL - PROVIDING, OF COURSE, THIS WOULD IN NO WAY PREJUDICE PRESENT U. S. PLANS UNDER VI-1). IN OTHER WORDS, WE WOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, FAVOR USING CARTER AS SIMPLE TRADE- OFF FOR ROMANIAN FINE ARTS ARRANGEMENTS, POINT WE FELT WAS IMPLICIT IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT BUT WHICH WORDING OF PARA 1 B REFTEL LEADS US BELIEVE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR.

4. NONE OF THE ABOVE, INCIDENTALLY, RULES OUT POSSIBILITY THAT COUNCIL, POSSIBLY AS GESTURE OF GRATITUDE FOR U. S. WILLINGNESS HELP IT OUT OF UNCOMFORTABLE SPOT, MAY WISH PICK UP BOTH INTERNAL TRANSPORT ( SUCH AS IT IS) OF CARTER EXHIBIT AND WHATEVER ADDITIONAL " ART" EXHIBIT WE MAY CARE TO PROGRAM IN 1973 OR 1974 ( BUCHAREST 1104, PARA 5). WE WOULD BE WARY OF SUCH AN OFFER, HOWEVER, LEST ACCEPTANCE OF IT LEAD US TOWARD IMPLICIT ADULTERATION OF " ONE- TIME, RECIPROCAL AND EXCEPTIONAL" PRINCIPLE ON WHICH WE INTEND CONDUCT DISCUSSION LATER TODAY.  
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